

Meeting Minutes

SPF SIG Epidemiology Workgroup

July 13th, 2011

The SPF SIG Epidemiology Workgroup met via “Meet Me” teleconference from 1:30 PM-2:05 PM on July 13th, 2011. The following people participated: Margaret Young, Charles Utermohle, Deborah Hull-Jilly, Devon Urquhart, Jesse Metzger, Laurie Orrell, Randy Burton, Marny Rivera, Michael Powell

❖ SPF SIG Update

1. Cook Inlet Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (CICADA) serving
2. Yakutat serving Yakutat
3. Alaska Island Community Services serving Wrangell, Petersburg and Northern Prince of Wales
4. Southeast Regional Health Consortium (SEARHC) serving Juneau,
5. Fairbanks Native Association serving Fairbanks
6. Rural Cap serving Shishmaref, Savoonga, Teller

❖ Final Edits

We are incorporating comments and appreciate all of the feedback we've received. We will need these by close of business tomorrow (7/14). Then we will be moving forward and submitting final changes to PIT team; Glenn Harvey is working with the document.

We are planning to contract for an editor.

❖ Influences

This document does not include a complete section for influences; we will finish this edit with a notation that this is a draft, and will be technically reviewed by an editor. One or two people are needed to edit a final copy. The final copy will be posted as a web document, not a PDF.

❖ Distribution

This document will be web based. Once the technical review is complete the document will have the option of being read as a PDF through the Public Health or Behavioral Health website. Deborah Hull-Jilly hasn't spoken to Diane Casto regarding making hard copies, but may have a CD available for those who request it. Deborah will follow up with Diane regarding hard copies. It may be beneficial to partner with agencies such as UAA to create broad distribution.

❖ Other EPI Workgroup Projects

After the document is published the EPI workgroup will start to work on Regional Fact Sheets. We will break down data regionally; there will be instances where we aren't able to break out data-- such as YRBS and BRFSS. Deborah hopes to work with a UAA intern who will begin in late August to make this available electronically. Deborah will check to see if funds available with SPF SIG for regional copies.

❖ Comments regarding YRBS Data

Charles Utermohle made a comment that we should eliminate the 1999 YRBS data. 1999 was one of the first years the state started utilizing active parental consent. Because of this, the ASD opted out of participating in the YRBS. They did utilize a random sample throughout the state, but it did not include the Anchorage School District. Because Anchorage holds such a large population of our youth, the 1999 YRBS has skewed data. Two data years will not be represented in this profile. 2001 has also been excluded. 2005 did not receive an adequate number of surveys.